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The 19th quadrennial session of the General Conference of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church closed in Chicago, Monday night, May 18th. Thousands of C. M. E.'s and well wishers visited the General Conference held in our great St. Paul C. M. E. Church of which the Reverend H. W. Evans is pastor and the Reverend E. P. Murchison was the Presiding Elder and Bishop Jas. A. Bray was the entertaining bishop.

All of the bishops were present. The Conference was opened by the senior, Bishop Charles Henry Phillips of Cleveland.

Space will not permit us to give anything like in details the procedure of the Conference, therefore, hitting a few of the high spots, we are happy to inform our readers that this was a historic General Conference from many angles. In 1938 we started out with ten bishops. During the quadrennium we lost one by death, Bishop J. C. Martin of Memphis. In this General Conference Bishop J. W. McKinney of Texas was retired because of age and ill health.

It was thought best by some not to elect any more bishops at this particular time because of the conditions that confront the world today. It was thought, however, by a minority that all things being equal, it was almost a tragedy to proceed for another four years without strengthening the bench.

Be that as it will or may we are now back home hard at work for the Master and His Kingdom building. All of the bishops returned to the field over which they presided before the General Conference. The state of Oklahoma being added to the 7th Episcopal District over which Bishop J. H. Moore presides.

Many complaints were registered against some of the bishops. Not that any of the bishops seemingly had willfully done anything wrong but for the lack of injecting real business procedure in matters pertaining to the church. There were those who did not fail to speak out boldly against irregularities in the church because of mere negligence and unbusiness like procedure. The C. M. E. Church was and will be helped because of the bold stand that some of the delegates took for the future safety of our Zion. The C. M. E. Church has eight action bishops, some of whom we consider the equals of any Methodist bishops and we believe that they are worthy. We

also believe they will see to it that great improvements will be made that will help the church in general. There were those delegates who lost sight of personal interest and gains and took a bold stand for the interest of the church.

#### General Officers

Our General Officers gave a splendid account of themselves during the past quadrennium. Their work was so effective that the General Conference re-elected the following General Officers: Dr. Luther Steward, editor of the Christian Index, with an overwhelming majority on the first ballot; Reverend W. P. Pipkins, Publishing Agent, a substantial majority on the first ballot; Professor G. F. Porter, Financial Secretary receiving every vote of the General Conference (464) for re-election; Reverend F. L. Lewis, Secretary of Kingdom-Extension, a substantial majority on the second ballot; Reverend Bertram W. Doyle, Secretary of Education received every vote of the General Conference; Reverend J. B. Boyd, Secretary of S. P. W. O., an overwhelming majority on the second ballot; Reverend J. M. Reed, Secretary of Evangelism, a substantial majority on the first ballot; Reverend B. J. Smith, Secretary of Religious Education, a good majority on the first ballot; Reverend J. R. Starks resigned the editorship of the Western Index and ran for the editorship of the Christian Index; Reverend W. J. G. McLin was elected editor of the Western Index with a good majority on the first ballot; Reverend C. E. Chapman, Secretary of Public Relation, a substantial majority on the first ballot; Mr. E. F. Durr, Secretary of Lay-Activities, a grand majority on the first ballot; Reverend L. C. Jones, Editor of the Eastern Index, a grand majority; Dr. W. S. Martin, Supt., of Collins Chapel Hospital re-elected with no opposition; Prof. W. A. Bell, Pres. of Miles Memorial College was unanimously re-elected Chief Secretary of the General Conference. We hope to give you other information later with reference to our General Conference.

#### ALCORN PREXY TO ADDRESS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES ALCORN A AND M COLLEGE

cooperating with The State-Wide Interdenominational Committee and The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America announce The Fourth Annual Institute and Conference for Town and Rural Pastors, Layworkers and Youth Leaders June 8-13, 1942 WRITE FOR PARTICULARS Bishop S. L. Green, A. M. E. Church Chairman

### 75th Anniversary of The Gen. President Ends

The following is a list of the names of presidents and the number of their lodge who have made a contribution to the 75th Anniversary of the General President. We think after all that our Anniversary Celebration thus far has been a success. The office force, including the president, vice president and secretary have been busy for the most part, attending to church work. Our General Conference convened in Chicago this month and we were not able to put the time that we desired in pushing the Anniversary Celebration. We do wish, however, to thank all concerned for the efforts that were put forth to make the work a success.

In the March Boards we added more than three hundred members and we will go beyond that number in the June Boards. After all, our efforts have not been a failure. Each local president is asked to sponsor a short and spicy program in honor of the 75th Anniversary. Let's give honor to whom honor is due.

The following is the list:

Lodge No.	President	No. Added
3.	Rev. R. W. Radcliff	1
20.	W. N. Knott	5
21.	Floyd Ott	2
22.	J. C. Williams	4
23.	Rev. E. B. Blackman	3
31.	W. M. Bell	2
33.	Mrs. Lucy Brown	3
45.	Jasper Walker	9
47.	J. C. Burton	4
54.	E. L. Burton	1
55.	Floyd Goins	1
62.	John H. Holloway	1
66.	Joe Hinton	2
72.	Mrs. M. J. Moore	1
92.	G. B. Arrington	8
93.	G. E. Anderson	3
95.	Mrs. Edna Howard	2

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### NORTH AND SOUTH ZONE MEETINGS

MT. OLIVE, MISS.  
SOUTH ZONE

The South Zone meeting will be held at China Mission C. M. E. Church Meridian District where Rev. V. T. McClain is host Pastor. Rev. W. M. Watkins will deliver the sermon. All local presidents are expected to make round reports. Each representative is asked to appear on program. The neighboring churches are asked to bring lunch to help this particular mission point. Everone is invited. Mrs. G. E. Easterling, Chairman

Reverend E. F. Young of 1503 26th Avenue has returned to the city after attending the General Conference in Chicago. He reports a very pleasant trip in the windy city.

#### MERIDIAN DISTRICT NORTH ZONE TO MEET

The Meridian District North Zone will meet Sunday, May 31, 1942, at Newell Chapel C. M. E. Church. All societies are urged to help make it a big day by bringing a representative group from their local churches. The finance will not be over looked and round reports from all concerned will be expected. Rev. R. L. Young is scheduled to preach the Zone Sermon. We are looking forward to a profitable meeting and take this opportunity to extend an invitation to the public to be present.

Mrs. L. Wilson, President

#### DESCRIPTION OF BOARD AT STATE LINE

The Board will be held at Mt. Ollie Baptist Church, Southwest of town, Reverend Deboles, pastor.

#### CHANGE IN BOARD

To the Presidents, Members and Friends who plan to attend the Board at Picayune on June 3rd:

The Board will be held at Poplarville instead of Picayune. Please govern yourselves accordingly. Remember, the place is Poplarville with Mr. S. Sandifer as president instead of Picayune with Mr. Aaron Trotter President.

H. B. A. Office.

### A NEW UP-TO-DATE HOTEL WILL OPEN FRIDAY

#### NEW COLORED HOTEL TO OPEN A New Up-to-Date Hotel Will Open Friday

The colored citizenry of Meridian and elsewhere will be happy to know that a new up-to-date hotel is being opened for the benefit of the public. Meridian has several hotels already and yet, the number that we now have cannot accommodate the large number of persons passing through Meridian who desire to stop over for a night's rest.

It is thought that the opening of this new hotel on 5th Street and 25th Avenue will be undoubtedly the best equipped hotel for our group in the state.

According to plans now under way, the management of this new hotel hopes to have an open house Friday of this week, beginning at 4:00 p. m., at which time the general public is invited to come by and inspect this

#### POPLARVILLE BOARD DESCRIPTION

The Board will be held in Triumph Baptist Church in town. Come Highway No. 11 to Post Office on left; come one block to a three story building; turn to the left, cross rail-road one block from a red Church. That is the place of meeting.

A. D. Sandifer, President  
Lodge No. 483.

new hotel, which is being built for the general public.

There is an effort being put forth on the part of some of the colored citizens of Meridian to make our fair city . . . though small, one of the best in this section of the country. Meridian is our city, our home and all of us should strive to make it one among the best.

We had hoped also to open up a new floral shop in Meridian among our group, which is badly needed. We have not, however, been able to find anybody capable of running a floral shop and for that reason, it may be that the idea of a floral shop will have to be abandoned for the present.

### Music Store

#### MUSIC HOUSE

The Reverend C. O. Inge, one of the Baptist city pastors, is venturing into a new field, in that he is opening up a music store on 5th Street, next to the H. B. A. Building. We wish to congratulate Reverend Inge for this forward step and we hope and trust that our people will appreciate this new adventure to the extent that they will patronize this young energetic minister.

### June Boards

## CALENDAR

Collection \$1.35 Per Member  
Monday, June 1st, State Line, Miss.  
C. L. Moore, President

Wednesday, June 3rd, Poplarville  
S. Sandifer, President

Friday, June 5th, Dekalb, Miss.  
H. C. Jennings, President

Tuesday, June 9th Macon, Miss.  
Wm. Neal, President